

Order of Service

Processional	
Musical Selection	
Reading of Holy Scripture	
Old Testament	Rev. Shirley McConnell
New Testament	Rev. Anthony Ledbetter
Prayer of Comfort	Minister Michael Brown
Musical Selection	Kyle Cox
Remarks	Family and Friends
	<i>(Two Minutes Please)</i>
Reading of the Obituary	Kimberly Davis, Daughter
Acknowledgements	Mr. Ken Caulder
	<i>Leavitt Funeral Home</i>
Musical Selection	Rev. Anthony Ledbetter
Eulogy	Rev. Kendrick Drye
	<i>Pastor, Rocky Mount AME Zion Church</i>
Service of Committal	
Benediction	

Interment

Rocky Mount AME Zion Church Cemetery

Obituary
Mama

Our mother, Valerie Jean Davis departed from her earthly home to her eternal home on Friday August 14, 2026 to join her late parents, Lessie Mae Davis and Walter L. Richardson Sr. She is also preceded by a sister Beverly Jean Davis; grandmothers, Johnsie Smith Davis & Willie Mae Richardson; her grandfathers, James Augustus Davis Sr. and Sherman Richardson Sr.

“Let my work speak for me”

Our Mother Valerie graduated from Bowman Senior High School in 1969 and then attended Barber Scotia College in the fall. Even though she only completed one semester of college, she was determined to get a degree. She later attended Anson Community College and graduated Cum Laude with her Associate in Accounting in May 1997. She then went back to college and graduated Magna Cum Laude with her Associates in Business Administration in 2004.

Throughout her years of school, she maintained a stable job and worked up until her health took a turn in 2008. She was a sewing machine operator at Cassie Cotillion in Norwood, NC from 1970-1975. She worked at Collins & Aikman in Norwood, NC from 1975 until 1997 and was offered a position for Supervisor until 2001. She later joined her daughter Kimberly at PCA International in Matthews as a Computer Room Photo Technician from 2005 until 2008.

Even though her health began taking a turn, she did not give up working or letting it get her down. She returned to her home church Rocky Mount AME Zion to help in the finance department. Throughout her time back, she became the Pastor’s Steward, Church Secretary, and Chief Financial Officer. She also held other titles within the church, Lay Council, Leader of Leaders & Christian Education Secretaries.

Along with her duties within the AME Zion Organization, she received awards and recognition for her dedication and commitment.

Her devotion to her church and church family are what kept her motivated to continue serving God and doing his will. Our mother was the definition of love, hope, hard work, strength, perseverance and pursuing knowledge no matter the circumstances. Even in her last years, she maintained her faith and let her work speak for her.

As she stepped into the gates of heaven, she leaves to cherish her memories her daughters, Kimberly J. Davis of the home and Asheley K. Davis of Raleigh, NC; her brothers, Walter L.

Richardson Jr (Cynthia) of Thomasville, NC and Michael Richardson (Tamara) of Greensboro, NC; her sister Sherry Gabriel of Kannapolis, NC; one uncle, William Smith of New York; an aunt, Lillian Blackmon of Far Rockaway NY; a very special cousin that she was raised beside like sisters, Gwendolyn Yusif of Rockingham, NC and special niece Tyanna Carter (Patrice) of Cheraw SC; her best friend Carolyn M. Williams; two special grandchildren that she claimed as her own, Omari J. Chambers and Zanya J. Chambers; special cousins, Vincent Dunlap, Joyce Little, Anthony Ledbetter, Joanne Kilgore, Michael Brown, Ricky Davis, Elder Kenneth Crowder, Barbara Horne and Raymond Horne; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, church family, and many, many relatives and friends.



In Memory
of
My Mom In Heaven

*You passing left a silence
I can’t fill, I miss your voice,
Your wisdom,
Your unconditional love.
I still reach for you
In moments of doubt.
But your warmth lives on
Inside me.
You are my first home,
My forever comfort,
And I carry you always.*

